

REMARKS

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application. The claims will now be discussed in order. Claims 1 to 14 have been indicated as allowable; claim 15 was rejected and it has now been cancelled; claims 16 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and accordingly should now be allowed. Claims 17 to 22 depend from an allowable base claim and accordingly should be allowable. All the remaining claims, being claims 23-30, have been cancelled.

As discussed above, all the claims which are now pending have been indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and accordingly a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 33214.

Respectfully Submitted,

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